

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Copper River Native Association****Federal Tax ID: 92-0041638****Project Title:****Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition**

# Copper River Native Association - Multi-Disciplinary Combined Health Facility

**State Funding Requested: \$1,000,000****House District: 12 / F**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Construct a 40,000 square foot, two-story facility for primary care, social services, behavioral health, dental, youth/elder services, assisted living and administrative offices to replace 40-year old Atco trailers.

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$11,000,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Federal Funds	\$1,000,000	09	\$2,500,000	10		
State Funds	\$0					
Denali Commission	\$0		\$0			
Rasmuson Foundation	\$0		\$0			
Local Funds	\$0		\$0			
Other Funds			\$10,000,000		\$9,000,000	
Total	\$1,000,000		\$12,500,000		\$9,000,000	

*Explanation of Other Funds:**Loan funds.***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The Copper River Native Association (CRNA) is a non-profit service organization initiated in 1964 to serve the people of the Ahtna region. Local members of the Alaska Native Brotherhood and Sisterhood voted to form this group called "Ahtna' T'aena Nene" or "Copper River Indians" to address their growing and urgent needs, which include "providing better education for children, solving water, land, and subsistence problems, finding jobs, and securing human rights."

The CRNA was formally incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1972. By FY 2006, CRNA was receiving over \$5 million in public and private grants to fund 18 programs and services such as village health clinics, a dental clinic, substance abuse counseling, vocational / technical education; clean water, and safe housing and other environmental health programs.

The CRNA's vision for the proposed CRNA Multi-Disciplinary Combined facility is to exercise maximum self-governance in building and operating a regional facility for Multiple services in a campus setting. The building will utilize an innovative design, energy efficient construction materials, and renewable resources to provide energy to heat the facility in a healthy,

inviting environment.

In December, 2009, the Indian Health Services awarded CRNA a 20-year operating agreement worth \$5 million a year to full staff the new health center. The health center is the "anchor" service in the new 33,000 square foot Multi-Disciplinary Combined Facility plus 8,000 square feet of provider housing.

The new Multi-Disciplinary Combined facility is indispensable to overcoming an extensive list of life, health, and safety deficiencies as identified by the Deep Look Survey team for the Health and Behavioral Health Building (Deep Look Study, 2009) and the Dental Clinic (Deep Look Study 2009). Both Deep Look Studies clearly demonstrate and document that all of the facilities are functionally and economically obsolete and are literally falling apart. As a result, repairing the facilities would only be a temporary solution. The requested funds provide for a long-term solution by constructing a new facility that solves all of the life, health, and safety issues of the current facilities that are almost 40 years old.

Additionally, the CRNA Multi-Disciplinary Combined facility project will create 85 construction jobs and 28 new permanent program jobs. CRNA has determined that a pre-manufactured structure will be the most cost effective and capable of being constructed and operational within four (4) months. The building is a custom design meeting all fire, plumbing, mechanical, and electrical plus meeting many green design standards. Final design will take less than 30 days from notice to proceed. The facility is designed to promote healthy, sustainable individuals and communities where the Athabascan culture in the Copper Valley is alive and vibrant.

The new CRNA Multi-Disciplinary Combined facility will fully address and accommodate regional and statewide service needs through maximum self-governance in the delivery of the following services.

FASD diagnostic services Tribal community services  
 Behavioral health services Vocational rehabilitation  
 Long term assisted living services Provider housing  
 Drug and alcohol addiction recovery services Bio fuels processing and generation  
 Dental services Youth and elder cultural survival center

### Project Timeline:

Calendar Year  
 Design--1st & 2nd Qtr '10  
 Construction--3rd and 4th Qtr '10  
 Design funds through June, 2010  
 Construction Funds, through January, 2010.

### Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Copper River Native Association

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Total Project Snapshot Report

FY 2011 Capital Budget

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No